

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (in order with strikethrough and underline):

1. (Previously Cancelled).
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13. (Cancelled).
14. (Original) A bottle control apparatus for a capping machine for installing a cap on a bottle having a lifter ring with an upper surface, a side surface, and a lower surface, the capping machine using a stationary support structure and a rotating support structure, the bottle control apparatus comprising:

a spin control guide mounted to the stationary support structure, the spin control guide including a frictional controlling groove adapted to frictionally engage the lifter ring of the bottle; and

a supporting slide plate mounted to the rotating support structure such that combination of the movement of the rotating support structure in relation to the stationary support structure and the frictional engagement of the lifter ring against the spin control guide causes the bottle to spin.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, the controlling groove frictionally engaging the upper surface of the lifter ring.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, the controlling groove frictionally engaging the side surface of the lifter ring.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 further comprising:
a frictionally engaging material positioned in the controlling groove and adapted to engage the upper surface of the lifter ring.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 further comprising:
a frictionally engaging material positioned in the controlling groove and adapted to engage the side surface of the lifter ring.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 further comprising:
a hinge connecting the spin control plate to the stationary mounting structure; and
a spring biasing the spin control plate against the lifter ring.